



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: August 7, 2023

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AGENDA ITEM: Highway 610 Extension - Rush Creek Boulevard - Project No. 19-24
Authorize advertisement for bid
Resolution No. 23-121

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

At their February 20, 2018 meeting, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-032 indicating support for the Hwy 610 Extension Project, and directed staff to complete the necessary updates to the environmental documents and pursue necessary funding to complete the final phases of the TH 610 project.

At their April 19, 2021 meeting, Council accepted a proposal from SRF Consulting Group, Inc. to provide final design services for the Highway 610 Extension project.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-121 authorizing advertisement for bids subject to final MnDOT authorizations.

COMMENTS:

The Hwy 610 Extension (Rush Creek Boulevard) project (City Project No. 19-24) will construct a new roadway connection from TH 610 to CSAH 30. The proposed connection will transition TH 610 from a limited-access highway to a four-lane divided highway west of I-94. The project would construct additional interchange ramps, traffic signals, trails, and bridges. CSAH 30 will be realigned and local road connections to the proposed Hwy 610 Extension (Rush Creek Boulevard) will be constructed at Lawndale Lane, Garland Avenue, and 101st Avenue. The project will also include an auxiliary lane on I-94 between the TH 610 and the Maple Grove Parkway interchanges. A layout of the proposed project is attached.

Working with our agency partners (MnDOT and Hennepin County), along with our federal, state, and local elected officials, the project is now fully funded. The environmental document and interstate access modification request have been approved by FHWA and MnDOT, all the necessary right-of-way has been obtained, wetland credits have been purchased, and staff are working to finalize the required permits. The current schedule is to advertise the project in late summer 2023, receive the bids in the fall, and award the contract in December 2023 so that the contractor can begin construction activities (such as tree removals, muck excavation, and some initial bridge work) over

the 2023 – 2024 winter season. Major roadway construction activities will begin in 2024 and will wrap up in late 2025.

Currently, the city is waiting on final authorizations from MnDOT in order to advertise this city-led project. It is anticipated that this authorization will be received by September 1, 2023. In order to assure that the project continues to meet the current schedule, it is important that we obtain authorization from Council to advertise for bids at this time, pending final authorizations from MnDOT. Doing so will provide the city flexibility to immediately advertise after receiving final authorizations from MnDOT, rather than having to wait until the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting to receive authorization for bids.

A copy of the plans and specifications is available for review at the city's Engineering Department.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-121 authorizing advertisement for bids, subject to final authorizations from MnDOT.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution No. 23-121

Attachment B: Highway 610 Extension - Rush Creek Boulevard – project layout